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SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, June 15, 2006
Town Hall - Meeting Hall

MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard and Michael Stupinski

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Peter Charter, Dennis Frawley and Nancy Way

OTHERS PRESENT: BOF: Robert Pagani, Mark Joyse; BOE: Dale Roberson, Maurice Blanchette, Tony Littizzio; Connecticut Consortium for Capital Purchasing: Ed Arum; Shipman & Goodwin: Jennifer Janelle; CCM: Andy Merola

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Stupinski called the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON ENERGY PURCHASE PROGRAMS

Jennifer Janelle and Ed Arum came forward to explain the Connecticut Consortium for Capital Purchasing (CCCP) Energy Purchasing Program. Mr. Arum distributed a listing of 64 Connecticut Towns/Boards of Education that are in the Electrical Energy Generation Bid #1 for three-year fixed generation costs. He also distributed a listing of other Towns/Boards of Education who are interested in participating in Bid #2. Mr. Arum explained that he works with a number of suppliers, watches the market daily and will notify each agency when he feels it is a good time to lock into a price. The agency will have a few hours to respond to the bid and sign a contract. Mr. Arum explained that CCCP will require a resolution for authorization to sign the contract and a copy of the current utility bill. CCCP will provide a copy of the contract in advance. CCCP fee for this service is \$.00065 per kilowatt-hour.

Andy Merola came forward to explain the CCM Energy Purchasing Program. He stated that CCM will act as the Town's exclusive agent in the strategic purchase of electricity and natural gas in the deregulated marketplace. Mr. Merola stressed that the terms and conditions of the contracts are more important than the kilowatt-hour price as extra charges will drive the bottom line costs. He noted that all of CCM's bids are handled by a Request for Proposal process and they negotiate multiple contracts with multiple suppliers before they take a price. CCM's fee is \$.00133 per kilowatt-hour. To start the program, the Town will be required to sign a participation agreement and supply a current utility bill. Mr. Merola encouraged the Town and Schools to enter into the same contract for a better load profile and better price. Mr. Stupinski asked Mr. Merola to forward a list of towns participating in the CCM program.

Mr. Stupinski thanked both parties for their presentations. The board members discussed the pros and cons of the programs. They agreed that both programs have their merits and some members felt it may be advantageous for the Board of Education to join one program and the Town to join the other. Mr. Littizzio noted that the Board of Education has already authorized him to enter into an energy purchasing program. Mr. Stupinski will place this on the next BOS agenda for discussion/action.

III. ADJOURN SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING TO REFERENDUM

This item was not discussed as the budget was approved at the June 14, 2006 Budget Referendum.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRSENT, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 9:47 P.M.

Submitted by


Marie Sauve

Approved by


Michael P. Stupinski